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WEDNESDAY, March 2, 1904.

An Unpardonable Blunder. For reasons which we are at a less to understand, the House yesterday defeated the Smith bill, providing for the Torrens land registry system. A strong fight was made for the bill, and able arguments were presented by Mr. Blackburn Smith, the patron; by Mr. Withers; and by Mr. Pannill. Mr. Pannill's speech

yesterday was notably able and argumentative, and the speeches which had previously been made by Mr. Smith and Mr. Withers were unanswerable. But for all that, the House voted the bill down, and it has been retired for this

Mr. Eugene C. Massie has interested himself especially in this measure, and has labored incessantly to secure its adoption in Virginia. He has theroughly investigated the subject. He has invited every person interested to come to him for information, and he has taken the trouble to circulate through the newspapers and otherwise full explanations of the design and operation of the Torrens system. Mr. Massie has invited all opponents of the measure to make their objections, and he has me every objection that has been raised. The first objection was that it would be expensive to have another court for this alone. Mr. Massie and other friends of the measure waived that point, and agreed to get along without a special Then the objection was raised that the system ought not to be fastened upon communities which did not desire it although it was not to be made compulsory. Mr. Massie and other friends of the measure then agreed to give the system only to those cities and counties

which desired it. At last the objection was raised that the service of process was not sufficient. Thereupon this amendment was added: Provided, however, that such personal service of process as is required in chan cery proceedings shall also be made upon residents of the State, not under ability, who are made known to the court before final decree, and can be reached by its process, unless such ser vice be waived by appearance or other-

But the opponents of the bill could no be satisfied, and yesterday they defeated it upon a test vote of 46 to 41.

We do not know what is at the bottom of this opposition, and we do not propose to attack the motives of the opponents. But we serve notice upon them that the fight has only just begun. The friends of the Torrens system know that it is a beneficent and desirable law, and they do not propose by any means to give up the contest. Virginians are slow to act. But by and by a majority of the members of the General Assembly will abandon their real or imaginery objections to the Torrens system, and will adopt it; and after it shall have been adopted, land-owners will wonder hov they managed to get along without it. We congratulate Mr. Massie, Mr. Black burn Smith, Mr. Withers and Mr. Pannil and the others, who have made such gallant fight in behalf of this measure, and tell them not to be discouraged. These men will be remembered gratefully by the people of Virginia for the fight they have made in behalf of their interests against the subtle and intaugible but, so far, offective opposition which

has been to this important measure. The names of those members who throttled this wise and excellent bill will be found in the report of the proceedings of the House. It is worth seeing. It is hoped that they have unconsciously done this great wrong to their constituents.

Virginia Roster.

The Senate yesterday passed the House bill "providing for the collection of all, muster rolls, records and other material, showing the names, number and character of the officers and soldiers furnished by Virginia to the army and navy of the Confederate States." nuthorizing the appointment of "a secretary of Virginia military records."

es extent with this request. What is increasary is that there should be an officer, or officers, of this State charted where the particular data is needed by the particular data is needed by the shape for publication. Nearly and the state base for particular data, which are in possession of the War Department in embodying it in the state state load the opportunity many years ago of having those of her rolls, which are in possession of the War Department to the authorities for my the state have appointed of the state have appointed of the state have appointed only and the state of the popertunity many years ago of having those of her rolls, which are in possession of the War Department is even in the state of the popertunity many years ago of having those of her rolls, which are in possession of the War Department is even in the state they are stabled as a great blunder; that work for them.

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now, except by the government itself, And what the United States government needs is direct help from this State with which to supplement the rolls in its possersion and consolidate them carefully and put them through the press with the fewest possible errors.

After what has already occurred, it would be inconceivable folly upon the part of Virginia to neglect to see that her rolls are as complete and as accurate as we can possibly make them. To this end, the original rolls now in possession of the United States government, along with other captured property, must supplemented by a great deal of matter, which remains to be collected in this State and by Virginia's own efforts.

The collection of this material is to be the chief duty of the Secretary, whose appointment is urged by Senator Daniel Judgo Christian and the Confederate

camps. We say this will be his "chief" duty but it will not be his only duty. Much material that we can collect, the government at Washington will not use. For its needs, it demands "original" rollsor copies of them-which we cannot supply in all cases. But after the government has made such use as it deems proper of our material, it will be returned to the State and Virginia can make any further use of it it deems proper.

The House bill, referred to, which yesterday passed the Senate, provides for the appointment by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the commander of the Virginia Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans, of a secretary whose duties shall be to proceed forthwith to collect all records showing the officers and enlisted men furnished by Virginia to the armies and navies of the Confederacy and the names of all Virginians of whatover rank in the military, marine or naval service of the Confederate States; whether regulars, volunteers, militia or

It will be observed that it is not the purpose of the bill to have recorded the names of all the militiamen of Virginia during the war period, but only those who went into the service of the Con federacy. As we have before said, the militia, or home-guard, distinguished themselves in front of Petersburg when the enemy first appeared before that city in 1864. They also met and turned back Dahlgren's raiders upon their approach to Richmond, and they furnished a considerable portion of the men who were present, along with cavalry the veterans, when Dahlgren was ambushed and kill-

Surely the names of such militiamen should be recorded and preserved!

It is proposed that the secretary of military records shall be paid at the rate of \$1,800 per annum, and that the total expenses of himself and his office shall not exceed \$3,000 per annum. The State Librarian is required to co-operate with him in the performance of certain du-

We are gratified that the bill has passed both branches of the General Assemtif and it will doubtless receive the signature of the Governor as soon as it

==== A Hint.

It is strange that people generally do not take advantage more often of the advertising columns of a newspaper like The Times-Dispatch. This paper goes the homes of nearly all persons residing in Richmond and neighboring towns and cities, and into all parts of Virginia. The paper is read closely, and should be a means of communication between the people. Of course, the merchants use it because they have long since learned the value and the necessity of advertising, but persons who are not regularly in business seem not to understand how valuable to them the advertising columns may be upon occasion.

been looking around for a driving horse. Now, there must be many good driving horses in Richmond for sale, yet this citizen has seen but one advertisement in The Times-Dispatch within the past sev eral weeks of a driving horse for sale, and it may be mentioned, in passing, that that horse was sold a few days after the advertisement appeared. The lesson article for sale will spend a little money n making the fact know he may reasonably count on finding purchaser through the columns of this paper, provided the article which he offers is marketable. At any rate, it costs only a few dimes to make the

Cleveland's Popularity.

The Charleston News and Courier, which gave Mr. Bryan a cordial support ir, 1806 and 1900, says that there is not the least doubt that Cleveland's nomination would result in Cleveland's election. "He is the only Democrat," declares the News-Courier, "who could be nominated with certainty of success. He is not the only man in the party, by any means, nor the only conservative man; but he possesses the confidence of the country to an extent reached by no other man,

Republican or Democratic." That is true, and if the Democratic convention should take up Cleveland and nominate him by acclamation, we have no doubt that he would be elected by

splendid majority. The Inspection System.

The Norfolk Ledger is heartily in favor

tation, It is the moral duty of the State o exercise a certain care over her offi lals and see that they alsoharge their duties properly, not merely on the Sisto's account, but for their own sake, Every man in business feels, or should feel, a certain responsibility for the moral conduct of his employes. It is certainly the duty of every householder to set a good example and to encourage those who work for him to be painstaking, systematic and honest in carrying on business. The same duty, in a higher degree, rests upon the

The Sunday Liquor Law.

The Staunton Dispatch warns the Leg-Islature not to pass the bill to remove the jall sentence for violation of the Sunday liquor law. "It has been de-monstrated," says the Dispatch, "that nothing is so effective to enforce this law as the prospect of going to jail, Fines have no terrors in some instances." On the contrary, some liquor dealers may concede that it is good business to pay the fine and keep on selling liquor on Sunday. In this way the fine becomes sort of license to break the law.

If we are going to have a law against selling liquor on Sunday, let us make the penalty so severe that men will fear to violate it. No man is going to be hurt no man is going to incur the penalty, unless he violates the law, and if he does this deliberately, he ought to go to

We hope that the Senate will not concur in the action of the House.

For years Speaker Reed has been redited with the wittlefsm (which he apolled to Judge Holman, of Indiana)-that 'the watch dog (of the treasury) never parks at home folks." Holman is said to nave objected to nearly everybody else's equest for an appropriation, but when an appropriation came up by which his own locality would be affected, he was discreetly silent."

Senator Hoar maintains that the wittieism originated when E. B. Washburn was a member of the House, He, too, was a "watch dog." On a certain occasion he had not objected to a bill proposed by his brother, who was a member of the House at the same time from Wisconsin Some one (said Mr. Hear). sarcastically asked the Speaker, James G. Blaine, if the representative from Illinois had objected, "No," said Mr. Blaine, "the watch dog does not bark when one of the family

Mr. F. T. Jane, in his book on the Imperial Russian Navy System, says it is well understood that no Russian naval officer is going to surrender to a Jap. The determination is almost universal to blow up the ship rather than surrender it, he says. Indeed, he suspects that an order exists to this offect. If it does not exist in black and white, then it is tactly understood. As for the Japs, "the ship that strikes is to be fired on by its consorts.

If Mr. Jane is right in his belief and nclusions, the war between Japan and Russia, on the water at least, is going to be a desperate affair from beginning to finish.

Senator Platt has been ousted from the supreme leadership of the Republican party in New York State, and that honor is now held by Governor Odell. The Governor has demonstrated his shrowdness and competency by supplanting the

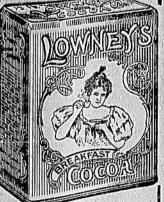
'easy" old boss. Mr. Platt is not, and never has been en enthusiastic admirer of Mr. Roosevelt, though without so intending it, he made him President by forcing his nomination four years ago as Vice-President. Mr. Roosevelt seems to think that that was a malicious act; at any rate, his friends have side-tracked Platt to make room Odell to dominate Federal politics

for Odell to della the lin the Empire State. In Georgia, the Governor is elected for a term of two years, but it is customary to re-elect him for two more. Whoeve gets the Democratic nomination for that position, therefore, may count upor serving a term of four years. The Hon. John Temple Graves, in his recent letter declining to become a candidate for the commution, made the point that the term ught to be four years instead of two. We dore say it should. It seems to us the incumbent would feel a degree of independence while holding a four year term which he could not feel while holding his first two year term.

It seems that the people are not to have the Torrens law just yet. As a temporary arrangement Richmond should provide a record office-one place-where property owner may apply and at one visit find out what delinquent bills stand against him. This delinquent list, revised once a year, should be made to include State and city taxes, paving bills, sewer taxes, etc. Such a central office as that could do property owners a great deal of good and save them, oftentimes from once a year, should be made to include som of good and save them, oftentimes, from much distress of mind.

The conviction in Washington of Mathen and others of the conspirators who defrauded the government in connection with business dealings of the Postoffice Department is a big victory for Holmes Conrad, Charles J. Bonaparte and the

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They are in great demand in New York and other large clues.

Just why the Texas senators voted against the Panama treaty the Texas people have not yet been able to find out, but they are threatening to know the reason why. By the way, the Virginia senators lined up with the Texas men.

There are many folks who believe Mr. Bryan implicitly when he says he is not for Hearst. These same folks are still nursing that belief of long standing that Mr. Bryan is still for a certain gentleman from Nebraska.

Getting the men into Manchuria may oe a small job for Russia, as the Russian officials claim, but keeping them in supplies and powder and shot over a single track, rickety railway is the rub.

Very few women in this country bnow

what Russia and Japan are fighting about, and ninety per cent. of them can't ascertain from the men they usually get their information from.

In New York city they are teaching the boys in the grammar grades of the public schools how to sew, It would seem that they expect them to become old bache-

Hobson may have grounds for a suit against the Japs for infringement upon has naval bottling up patent, but the invention was no good in either case.

far as we know, that keeps the Pullman people from offering the Commonwealth of Virginia the free use of a nice car. Mr. Cleveland's remarks about geo-

graphical considerations had no referonce whatever to the size of New Jersey. Santo Domingo could be convicted in any police court on the charge of keep-

As a presidential possibility, Mr. Gorman's picture seems to be now facing the

North Carolina Sentiment.

The Raleigh Times says:

The idea that the general government should engage in making public roads only emphasizes the evils of a growing system of paternalism, which has already gone beyond the bounds of the most extravagant among the founders of this government.

The Goldsboro Headlight remarks: We don't know that anything is going to happen, but it is encouraging to find Governor Aycock refusing to commute the death sentence of two murderers within a week.

The Wilmington Messenger says:

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It looks hard that just about the time
Colonel Bryan got up to the stage front
with his moral issue and Kansas City
platform dead duck, the war curtain fell
and shut him out,

The Asheville Citizen closed an editorial thus:

rial thus:

Mr. Hanna was a big American in the truest sense of the word. At the present time, when momentous world events are pending, men of such calibre can ill be spared. Other leaders may arise in the Republican party, but none that can hope to fill the place jeft vacant by the death of Marcs A. Hanna.

In Lighter Vein.

"I've got fifty odd bales o' cotton on hand," said a Georgia farmer yesterday, "and I'm a-holding of it, too!"
"Why don't you close out at 14 cents?" some one asked.

Things matrimonial being a trifle dull in limitton county. Mo., Probate Judge Martin has undertaken to start a little boom by publishing "testimonials" which descant on the joys of wedded life. Among the advertisements is this: "One fire with do for two. Martimony. like Bethlohem's star, is guiding the wise men and matches of the East and of the West to the only condition under which human existence is complete and complicaent. I have tried it for more than fifty years and have never found marriage a failure yet."

EXPENSES

The Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Cannot Pay Its Forces.

MUST HAVE FEWER HANDS

Armour & Co. Employ Counsel to Fight Revenue Tax-Appeals in Capital Cases.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., March 1.-There such comment here to-day regarding special from Newbern, published thi norning, which says that in order that the Atlantic and North-Carolina Rall read may pay wages of its employes, reduction of men is necessary, so a to reduce running expenses, \$1,599 or \$2,-000 per month. And the road hasn' one per month. And the rond hash enough money on hand to meet the pay roll due March 1st. The roud lost \$10,000 on the Atlantic Hotel hast season.
Ed. Jones was brought here this morning from Vance county to serve fly

Ed. Jones was brought here this morning from Vance county to serve five years in the penitentiary for criminal assault on a negro woman.

APPEALS IN CAPITAL CASES.

Appeals from the Fifth District were taken up in the Supreme Court this morning and one of the first taken up was State vs. Danlels, in which the prisoner is under sentence in Duplin county to be hanged for the murder of William Maxwell. Maxwell was gathering turpentine at the time and Danlels met him and shot him down with a shotgun. There are two other appeals in capital cases to be argued as soon as this is heard. They are State vs. Teachy, also from Duplin, and State vs. Davis, from Lendr. Teachy is under sentence to be hanged for icilling Robert Rivenbark, and Davis for the murder of Charles Tate.

FIGHT THE TAX.

Ex-Congressman John D. Bellumy is here to argue before the Supreme Court the case of commissioners vs. the Armour people resist the section of the revenue act that imposes a tax of \$90 for the State and not more than a similar amount for each county for the privilege of conducting their business. The claim is made that such a tax is unconstitutional and discriminating in its

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MENTAL ANGUISH SUIT.

The Age of a Centenarian a Point to be Settled.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GRDENSBORO, N. C., March L.-In a mental angulsh suit against the Western Union Telegraph Company, to be tried at Alamance court this week, it will probably be judicially determined as to whether people live to the age of one hundred years in North Carolina.

The mental angulsh, upon which the suit is predicted, as set out in the complaint, was caused by the failure of the ielegraph company to deliver a message in time for a beloved granddaughter to attend the funeral of a beloved grandmother, who was 103 years of age when she died. As the extreme age of the deceased seems to be in the complaint aggravation of the usual damage caused by failure of prompt delivery of messages of such nature, the question of actual age will be one of the contested points in the case.

If it should be established that the lady was really 103 years of age, it will be a most important point settled—that centenarians truly live and have their being in the midst of these life-giving Alamance and Guilford county hills.

ELECTRIC PLANT.

Five Men Loot Bank at Latta and Secure \$800.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., March 1.—
Workmen are laying the foundations of
the Fayetteville sub-station of the Cape
Fear Electric Power Company, by which
electrical transmission of water power
will be made to the mills and other plants
of this city. The poles have already been
set to the Holt-Morgan village, south of
town, and workmen are now running other
lines.

lines.
Yesterday morning Chief of Police Flowers received a dispatch from Latta, S. C., stating that five men had broken open both the bank and postoffice at that place. They escaped with \$500, and were last seen sixteen miles from Fayette-ville.

ANTI-JUG LAW.

New Decision Applies It to Fifty

Counties in the State.

(Special to The Times-Dispaten.)

RALEIGHI, N. C., March I.—The Supreme Court to-day hunded down a decision which puts all liquor prohibitive territory in North Carolina under the anti-jug law. This prohibits the shipment of liquor from points within the State to points in the State where prohibition or dispensary law is in effect, and this is in about fifty countes. The law as passed was understood to apply to four countles, but its language is contenued to apply to the whole State. Fire Loss Adjusted.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GREENSBORO, N. C., March 1.—, fire loss on the Greensboro Female C. lege has been satisfactority adjusted, insurance companies, of which there w sixteen interested, agreeing to pay whole amount of \$35,00, for which property was insured.

DIVORCES INCREASE

IN NORTHERN NECK (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 1.—It is said that the number of diverces in the Northern Neck has been steadily increasing within the past few years. Recently at one term of court in a county in the Northern Neck Judge T. R. B. Wright

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granted ten divorces in one day, and he has granted more than one hundred divorces in a year in his circuit.

Unfortunate Household.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MONTEREY, VA., March 1.—The home of Mr. J. Lee Hiner, one mile west of town, seems to the ill-fated just now. His wife is left in very delicate health as a result of meusics. His little boy is quite ill with pneumonia. Mr. Hiner's mother, very large and aged, was knocked down by the stroke of a door on a reent windy day and had one arm broken and one hip badly injured. Her case is critical. Dr. K. H. Trimble, the attending physician, stepped into the yard, when the lec-covered ground was hidden by a light covering of snow, fell, and was seriously injured about the head. On the following day a little daughter of Mr. Hiner also fell and sustained injuries which put her to bed.

Much sympathy is expressed for the unfortunate household.

CHARLOTTE C. H., VA., March 1.—The Republicans, in convention hare yesterday, cleeted a county chalman and secretary and endorsed the administration and Park Agnew for State chalman. The following delegates were elected to the district convention at Lynchburg; J. H. Ingram, of Charlotte Courthouse; A. B. Hamner, of Keysville, Va. They were also elected to attend the State convention.

Reducing the Grade.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ORANGE, VA. March 1.—The work of grading Cane's Cut for the double track is progressing rapidly. When the new grade is completed the center of the cut will be about ten feet below the old readbed. At Rapidan the new track will be several feet above the present road; thus the heavy grade between here and Rapidan will be greatly improved, and all trains can make better time. This is considered a good piece of engineering.

PHILADELPHIA CLUB.

Will Play Two Games Here With Montreal and Princeton.

Montreal and Princeton.

Mr. W. B. Bradley, one of the lessees of Broad Street Park, has just received a letter from Connic Mack, of the Philadelphia American Club, stating that that club would play a game here on March 31st with the Montreal team of the Eastern League, and with the Princeton team on April 1st.

Mr. Bradley said last night he expected to hear from the Montreal team in a day or two, giving the date of their arrival here for practice.

The club will probably put in two weeks' practice on the Richmond grounds, and the ball cranks will get a taste of real ball playing.

Four Committees. The Committees on Light, Health, Junes River improvement and Markets not last night and approved the pay-rolls for their departments. Pending the announcement of the budget, the committees have but little to do.

Mr. R. Walton Moore Does Not Think It Will Stand.

Think It Will Stand.

Faltrax, Va., Feb. 28, 1904.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.—I have followed with interest the discussion of the Machen primary bill.

As I understand, the general purpose of the bill is not'to compel the believe of the bill is not'to compel the billing of the bill is not'to compel the billing of the bill is not'to compel the billing of the billing of

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Unfortunate Household.

Charlotte Republicans.

W. S. Gregory was elected county chair-man, and A. B. Hamner secretary.

Miss Blancke to Speak.

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Miss Anne Blancke, the dainty little actress with "The Little Outenst" Company, will make an address at Professor Daniels's private theatre this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Newsboys' Quartette will also sing.

This pleasing affair is designed for the benefit of the scholars of the school, their friends and the lady patrons of the Bijou and Academy,

Miss Blancke will hold a reception and shake hands with all who may attend.

THE PRIMARY LAW.